SUBJECTS.

Dewan's reply.—In regard to the representation of the Associations, Government have the right to revise the rules from time to time. The entire body of the rules for the election of members to the Assembly will undergo careful revision before we meet again. In regard to all the Associations now returning members an enquiry will be made as to their constitution, their work, their usefulness, and so forth. That enquiry will be made in regard to your Associations also. And if Government are satisfied on those points, the privilege will be continued. If they are not satisfied, the concession will be taken away. The best thing, therefore, is for you to try to develop the Associations as much as you can and to work them on proper lines.

172. ***Construction of a road.***

Mr. Thiru Onam Nal Thampuran spoke of the necessity for constructing a road from the 98th mile-stone on the main central road *via* Mattaseri, Parampuzha, Perur and other places, to join the Ettumanur-Lalam road at the 4th mile.

Dewan's reply.—The Chief Engineer says that this is an absolutely new road, about 10 miles in length, and will cost about a lakh of rupees. It will not therefore be possible to take up this road in the near future.

173. ***Church-sites and burial-grounds not to be taxed.***

Mr. W. John requested that church-sites and burial-grounds be exempted from taxation.

Dewan's reply.—The Settlement department appear to have proceeded upon the following principle. In the cases of old churches, temples, burial-grounds and such other places as had been already exempted by special command of His Highness the Maha Raja, the exemption has been continued by the Settlement department. Where no such order of special exemption was forthcoming, taxes have been imposed at the settlement. On these lines, the settlement of the greater portion of the State has been finished. Government cannot now make a deviation and introduce any changes in respect of the few remaining taluks. If any place specially exempted has been assessed wrongly, that may be brought up separately, and Government will enquire about it.

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174. ***Improvement of canals. Passing of rules under Irrigation Regulation.***

Mr. Narayana Kurup urged the improvement of the Chalackal, Kuttipuzha and Cheriyil canals, the framing of rules under the Irrigation Regulation and the helping of agriculture in other respects.

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